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**Proceedings of the Thirteenth Annual
Meeting of the Stockholders of the Wil-
mington, Charlotte and Rutherford Rail-
road Company.**

The Stockholders assembled in regular
annual session at 10 o'clock A. M.

On motion, Col. Walter F. Leak, of
Richmond, was called to the Chair, and
Messrs. M. Cronly and I. T. Alderman ap-
pointed Secretaries.

Messrs. B. S. Guion, H. N. Huston and
M. Cronly were appointed a committee to
verify proxies and ascertain the amount of
stock represented.

The committee, after investigation, re-
ported the following:

In Person..... 5,311
By Proxy..... 7,252
Total..... 12,563

In regard to the proxy held for the
count of Richmond by Jno. A. Long, Esq.,
the committee reported that they were in
doubt as to its validity, and asked that
action by the meeting be taken thereon.

On inquiry they reported that Jno. A.
Long was not a stockholder.

Col. H. W. Guion called attention to the
fact that it was especially provided in the
original charter that no person should be
recognized as a proxy unless he were a
stockholder.

Gen. Alfred Dockery vouched for the
honesty of the Commissioners of Richmond
in giving this proxy, and stated his belief
that their informal action proceeded only
from ignorance of their duty in this par-
ticular, and asked that if it was thought no
harm would result from this course, the
meeting would recognize the proxy.

On motion of Col. Guion, the meeting
refused to recognize Jno. A. Long as the
proxy of the county of Richmond.

A majority of the capital stock being duly
represented, the meeting was declared
organized and fully ready for business.

Col. R. H. Cowan, the President of the
Company, then read and submitted on be-
half of the Directors the regular annual
report, accompanied by the reports of the
Superintendent and Treasurers.

On motion, the reading of the Superin-
tendent's report was dispensed with.

On motion of Col. Cowan, the reports
were referred to a committee of three, con-
sisting of Messrs. Donald MacRae, Alfred
Dockery, C. M. T. MacNay.

On motion of J. P. Leak, Esq., the
meeting proceeded to an election of a
Board of Directors.

Messrs. M. Cronly, B. S. Guion and H.
N. Huston were appointed a committee to
superintend the election.

After the vote was cast, and while the
committee were engaged in the count, a
motion to adjourn to 3 P. M. prevailed.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The committee to superintend the elec-
tion reported that 12,561 votes were cast,
as follows:

Shares.	Names.
12,561	R. H. Cowan.....
8,410	B. S. Guion.....
8,410	S. J. French.....
8,410	J. P. Leak.....
8,410	J. A. McDowell.....
8,410	A. R. Housely.....
8,410	W. H. Steele.....
8,410	S. W. Cole.....
8,410	H. H. Walcott.....
8,410	J. M. Hutchinson.....
8,410	C. G. Logan.....
8,410	G. W. Logan.....
8,410	Wm. Sloan.....
8,410	Geo. Z. French.....
8,410	O. S. Hayes.....
8,410	D. R. Russell.....
8,410	Geo. Z. French.....
8,410	E. H. Brink.....
8,410	Dixon Ingram.....
8,410	Geo. Z. French.....
8,410	G. Dixon.....
8,410	D. G. Worth.....
8,410	Shine N. M.....
6,066	Necessary to a choice.....

[The stock of the city of Wilmington
this Company is 4,000 shares, the proxy
being held by G. Z. French. From a
glance at the above statement it can easily
be discovered how these votes were cast.—
REPORTER.]

This ballot resulted in the election of the
entire old Board of Directors—the first
thirteen named in the above statement of
the vote cast.

On motion the report was adopted.

Mr. M. Cronly offered the following resolu-
tion:

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of this
Company, if in their judgment it is deemed expe-
dient, be directed to increase the salaries of all
the officers, their assistants and all employees
upon the roll of the mechanical department 20
percent, and increase to date from the com-
mencement of this fiscal year.

On motion of G. Z. French, Esq., the
whole matter was referred to the Board of
Directors.

Col. W. F. Leak here resigned the right
to introduce the following resolutions, in
behalf of which he spoke at some length:

Resolved, That each original Stockholder shall
be permitted to ride or freight out one or more of
the shares he has of the Wilmington, Charlotte &
Rutherford Railroad in each year, at its par value,
and that the privilege shall inure to himself and
family, and shall in no instance be the subject of
transfer.

Resolved, That the President shall give to each
Stockholder applying for the same a certificate to
that effect.

Resolved, That each Stockholder claiming the
privilege shall extend to the President a notice
conveying the amount of Stock he proposes to
ride or freight out to the President and his suc-
cessors in office.

Col. Cowan argued against the passage
of these resolutions in their application to
freighting as tending to diminish the re-
ceipts of the Road and retard its progress
and prosperity.

Col. Leak still maintained the passage of
his resolutions.

Considerable discussion ensued, and fi-
nally a motion to lay the whole matter up
on the table prevailed.

The Committee to examine into the re-
ports of the President and other officers,
through their chairman, D. MacRae, Esq.,
submitted the following:

GENTLEMEN.—Owing to the brief space of time
allowed your Committee for the examination of
the reports of the officers of your Company, they
have been unable to give them but a casual exami-
nation.

As far as we could ascertain they appear to be

correct and satisfactory, and we recommend their
adoption.

Very respectfully submitted,
ALFRED DOCKERY,
D. T. MACNAY,
D. MACRAE,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

On motion of Col. Cowan, Messrs. Jas.
P. Leak, C. Malloy and M. Cronly were
appointed the Auditing Committee for the
Eastern, and Messrs. D. Schenck, W. F.
Davidson and W. J. P. Miller for the West-
ern Division of the Road for the ensu-
ing year.

On motion of Col. H. W. Guion, it was
Resolved, That the next annual meeting of the
Stockholders be held in the city of Charlotte, on
Wednesday after the third Monday in October
next.

On motion, Judge R. S. French was ap-
pointed to prepare the proceedings of this
meeting for publication.

On motion of Col. Steele, the thanks of
the meeting were returned to the Chair-
man, Secretaries and Committees of this
meeting.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

From the Charleston News.

THE CONDITION OF THE SOUTH.

VIEWS OF AN OLD-TIME STATESMAN.

Able Letter from ex-Senator Bedford
Brown, of North Carolina.

The following letter from Hon. Bedford
Brown, of North Carolina, written on the
occasion of the recent visit of Mr. Adams
to our State and now for the first time given
to the public, will be read with interest.

ROSE HILL, N. C., October 10, 1868.

Messrs. Wade Hampton, Jos. D. Pope and
other, Central "Committee Democratic Party,"
Columbia, S. C.

GENTLEMEN.—In my brief answer to your
polite note, inviting me to be present at a
barbecue, to be given in Columbia on the 9th
inst., I did not give expression to my
views so fully, in regard to the present
eventual crisis, as I could have wished, and
hope you will pardon me for doing so at a
more leisurely moment.

My regret at not being present is in-
creased because of being denied the pleas-
ure of meeting in paying a just homage to
the noble, virtuous and patriotic motives
which, I am quite sure, induced the visit
of your distinguished guest, Hon. John
Quincy Adams—a name illustrious in
American annals, and of which he is the
worthy inheritor. Rising above sectional
prejudices, and ignoring the passions of
the hour, I regard this gentleman as stand-
ing above modern degeneracy, and as the
fit representative of Warren, Hancock and
the older Adams, whose lofty souls took in
the good of the whole people, and whose
teachings, speaking as it were from the
tomb, rebuke the unwholesome faction under
whose narrow sectionalism and iron rule
the energies of a great nation are crippled
and constitutional liberty is perishing.

The visit of this true patriot brings up
historic recollections of a most interesting
character, when the Hancocks, Adamsons
and Otises of Massachusetts, and the Rus-
sells, Laurenses and Pinckneys of South
Carolina, were in council.

The country is now in a condition which
requires all the wisdom and patriotism of
good men to extricate it from the morass
into which it has fallen. It is referred to
me to say, without intending the least
insult to either of the former parties
concerned, that my most unremitting
efforts were directed to prevent the late
unfortunate collision which took place be-
tween the two sections. After all the sur-
rounding circumstances, and the fact that
North Carolina, forced from her Union
moorings by circumstances, yielded to the
general current, though most of her citi-
zens—myself among the rest—earnestly
desired a restoration of harmony and uni-
on. It was, however, the misfortune of
the hour, that the Federal Government
arbitrarily, and after a conflict which exhib-
ited on both sides a prowess and military
skill which astonished even Europe, the
south as the weaker party had to succumb,
and with Francis, at the battle of Pavia,
exclaim, that all was lost but her hon-
or.

It is useless now to discuss the question
as to which section the blame should be
attributed. It would be better answered
by referring to the title of a book then of
much note, written by the celebrated
historian, George F. Ruxton, of Philadel-
phia, entitled "The Olive Branch, or Faults on
both Sides," which appeared during the
war of 1812 with Great Britain, giving a
history of the policy of the Democratic
party of that day, and of the acts and pol-
icy of the Federal party; the Federalists
being opposed to the war and most of the
foreign policy which led to it, with Madison
the Democrats in favor of it, with Madison
at their head. It was conclusively shown that
both were in fault; and so in the late un-
fortunate collision, an impartial review
would show that both sections were in
fault. Does not, therefore, charity, fair-
ness and patriotism all point to a settle-
ment of those difficulties on a basis of
justice and moderation? The genius of
our government interposes free institu-
tions, instead of the stern and unrelenting
rule of monarchial or imperial power.

Radicalism is insensible to such noble sen-
timents, and, feeling power, forgets right.

The Federal government was formed in
a spirit of conciliation and compromise.
This principle, and the noblest of all, un-
derstanding the efforts which this misera-
ble faction have made to provoke violence and
disorder that they might make political
capital. I say it, with large opportunities
of knowing the truth, that the people ever
more anxiously desired peace and quiet,
and their very first wish is a restoration to
the Union under the shield of the consti-
tution. Impoverished, tired of war, and
their greatest need is peace, and their
most ardent wish is for the repose it would
bring.

It is also alleged that Northern citizens
cannot emigrate to the South with safety.
This is also untrue; for I believe it is a
universal wish that immigration, to a large
extent, should take place of steady and
useful citizens. It is true that political
peddlars, who come South to stir up dis-
affection and encouraging hate of the black
against the white race, are unwelcome
guests, as I suppose they would be among
any civilized people. The great mass of
our people are disposed to judge men by
their merits and not by the place of na-
tivity, and any worthy citizen of the North
who desires to take up his residence in
the South will be received with kindness
and satisfaction, as there are now many in-
stances within my knowledge.

Never in the history of civilized man
have the principles of free government and
the resources of a great country been so
thoroughly and recklessly sacrificed for
mere party purposes as they have been in
the South by the policy and practices of

Radicalism. A country abounding in the
elements of wealth and greatness has been
paralyzed by their policy, inflicting a seri-
ous blow thereby on the commerce and
manufacture of the North, and greatly dis-
minishing the national revenue. Let the
Government of the United States restore
constitutional liberty and protection, and
with their confidence will spring up, in-
dustry will be invigorated, prosperity will
rapidly follow, imparting its benefits to
every part of the Union; and with their
return we can pledge a much higher devo-
tion to the constitution than that shown
by Radical leaders, for we wish to get un-
der the constitution instead of outside
of it.

By what authority have States—and some
of the old thirteen—been put out of the
Union and treated as provinces? The Con-
gress of the United States more than once
during the late war, by solemn resolutions
and enactments, declared that a State
could not place herself out of the Union
by any act of her own. The same great
issue was definitely decided by the sword.
Congress, by any act, expelled a
State from the Union or reduce it to the
condition of a territory? This transcendent
power is nowhere given in the consti-
tution. Can it be believed that, while the
constitution carefully defines other dele-
gated powers, it should absurdly suppose
that it had been intended by its framers to
confer this most transcendent of powers
that it would not have been expressed?—
The constitution gives power to the Gov-
ernment of the United States to execute
the laws as against persons in the States,
but it does not give power to put a State
out of the Union or change its condition. The
State would be an anomaly if the creature
could destroy its creators.

The States are part and parcel of the
Confederation of the United States, each of
the old thirteen being described by name
in the instrument, and the new States since
admitted were brought into the same re-
lation. Having a fixed position as States
on the face of the instrument, it
is a gross absurdity to suppose that the
mere legislative power can alter the
constitution and change the condition of a
State.

It is clear, then, as a State cannot by her
own act withdraw from the Union, and as
the constitution delegates no power to
Congress to expel her from it or change
her status, that the States are yet States,
and, as a logical consequence, that the Re-
construction acts are unconstitutional. To
adopt a different conclusion would be to
say that Congress, like the British Parlia-
ment, is omnipotent, or possesses the same
power of the old Germanic Confederation,
whose Diet could put one of the States
under the ban. I know of no way in which
the constitutional status of a State can be
changed except by an amendment of three-
fourths of the States, as provided in the
instrument itself.

A word as to the colored race. Nothing
can be more absurd and unfounded than
the charge that the people of the South
wish to restore slavery. We would not if
we could. We could not if we would.
Once of them, we desire, for the most
obvious reasons, never to have them
again; although our ancestors bought
many of them from New England traders,
that which seems to be in the nature of a
waranty.

It is, I believe, a remarkable fact that,
while Virginia and North Carolina voted,
in the convention which framed the United
States Constitution, to suppress the African
slave trade, Massachusetts and Rhode
Island voted to continue it. The question
was compromised by continuing it till
1808, by which this curse was greatly in-
creased in the South, by New England and
other traders, who brought them for sale.
So late as 1825 and '6 a Senator from the
State of Rhode Island sat in the Senate of
the United States, and made accounts of
his enormous fortune by the African slave
trade. Taking all these things into con-
sideration, are we not entitled to some
leniency, some justice from our brethren
of the North, between whom and ourselves
a common fraternal feeling should exist.

All of this should be forgotten, and the
relations to be restored between the two
sections. With this brilliant future before
us, let us to this great family of States,
or those that were once States. Never did
any people, by rising above the passions
of the hour, have so great an opportunity
of vindicating the capacity of man to
govern himself, than our brethren of the
North and West by restoring constitu-
tional government, and thus uniting, in
lasting fraternal bonds, the oppressed peo-
ple of the South.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully and truly yours,
BEDFORD BROWN.

STATE NEWS.

BOYCOTT OFF.—Windy Billy withdraws
from the canvass in the Fifth District in
favor of Mr. Lash. Wonder if Windy
Billy got as much for his "self-sacrificing
patriotism" as James Harris did, or is he
not so highly? We don't know which is
to be more commiserated,—Billy, who
has now been let off twice from Con-
gressional expectations, or Lash, who has
been compelled to wear Billy's cast off
"honors."

ON DR.—That the Grand Juries in some
of the counties have seriously had under
advisement to present certain "Judges"
for their prostitution of the Judicial of-
fice. The correction of this growing evil
lies with the Grand Juries and with the
members of the Bar, who owe it to them-
selves to rebuke it promptly.

Ral. Sentinel, 24th.

MORE WITHDRAWALS FROM THE LEAGUE.
Six white men of Rutherford county, and
three of McDowell county, publish cards
in the Rutherfordton Vindicator, announc-
ing their withdrawal from the League.

FROST.—The first killing frost of the
season, at this place, was on Saturday
night last. Ice also made in the buckets
out doors.—Greensboro' Patriot & Times.

THE RALLY, LAST NIGHT.—Tucker Hall,
which had been procured for the purpose,
was well filled last night, on the occasion
of the Democratic rally.

Hon. Josiah Turner, Jr., of Orange, in
response to an invitation, addressed the
meeting at length and in his accustomed
forcible and vigorous manner. He dealt
the enemy some hard blows, which were
justly cheered by the audience.

The meeting last night was every way
encouraging, and proves that the gallant
Conservative-Democracy of Raleigh are
neither shaken nor disheartened. To your
work, men!—Ral. Sentinel.

The Baptist State Convention will con-
vene in Hillsboro' on the 28th inst.

To prevent mistakes, we call the atten-

tion of our Conservative contemporaries to the
fact that Leroy M. McAfee is the name of
the Democratic Elector in the 7th district;
and not "Lee McAfee," as is generally
printed.—Rutherfordton Vindicator.

UNACCOUNTABLE TYRANNY.—We learn
that the Mayor of Goldsboro' imprisoned
a negro man last Monday and kept him in
confinement three days, for telling another
negro a falsehood, about two miles out of
town. We were not aware that such a
matter was cognizable by the Mayor, and
we were under the impression that what-
ever jurisdiction he possessed, extended
no further than town limits.

P. S. We learn that the victim of this
official outrage was a Democrat. Of course,
we can now account for it.

Goldsboro' Messenger.

STILL THEY GO.—It is truly dishearten-
ing to the few people of this section, who
are striving to build up the State and in-
duce immigration, to see so many of our
good citizens leaving for the West. On
Thursday last about thirty good citizens
of this town and county left for Missouri.
Young men, don't give up the ship!—
'Tis true we are poor, oppressed and
tried down under negro and Radical
rule, but there is no reason why we should
yet, and the time is not far distant when
a better day will dawn upon us. Up and
be doing! Register and vote!

Greensboro' Patriot and Times.

BORDER STATE FAIR.—The second annual
Fair of the Border Agricultural Society
opened at Danville on Tuesday. A multi-
tude of visitors—from three to five thou-
sand—were in attendance.

The annual address, on the same day,
was delivered by the Hon. Z. B. Vance.—
The address is of a general and philosophi-
cal character, containing, at the same time,
valuable suggestions, and interspersed
with occasional allusions to the political
condition of the country, and the fair mind-
ed and thoughtful Republicans will calmly set
down and look over this action and not feel
that the policy of his party has been unwise and hurtful.

From Evansville, Ind., Oct. 21.—P. M.

Reports have reached here that the Hon. Jas.
Hinde, member of Congress, and Hon. Jas.
Brooks, accompanying him, were assailed in
Monroe county, Arkansas. Hinde was killed, and
Brooks wounded.

The Democrat has a dispatch attributing the
outrage to the Democrats.

The Republican dispatch representing
that Hinde had split the Radical party, and attrib-
uted his death to the Radical opponents if, indeed,
reports be true. It says a further effort to fix
the assassination on the Democrats will be fruitless,
because they had more to gain by Hinde's living
than by his death.

The St. Louis Times says there are 10,000 stand-
ards of small arms now in St. Louis, purchased for
the Governor of Arkansas and other Southern Gen-
erals, but so far it has been impossible to ship
them by any regular line, or to charter a steamer
especially to take them.

From New York,
NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—P. M.

In the case of C. E. Garrison vs. General Wm.
Malone, for the detention of the George Leary,
at Norfolk, a verdict was rendered giving the
defendant \$2,500 damages.

From Richmond,
RICHMOND, VA., Oct. 21.—P. M.

There was a killing frost this morning and a
thin ice. All vegetation has been killed.

Railroad Accident.
NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—P. M.

Three coaches and two sleeping cars were
thrown from the track on the Hudson River Rail-
road to-day by a broken rail. Six persons were
seriously injured. There were no Southerners
among the number. The stores adhered to their
fastenings, whereby burning was avoided.

CABLE DISPATCHES.
LONDON, Oct. 24.—P. M.

The Daily News says, in referring to the friend-
ly meeting between Johnson and Lincoln, who
built the Alabama, extends it to Semmes who
sailed her.

From Paris, 24th Monthly.
Stars on Women.

At a recent meeting in this city, at which
no ladies were present, a man, in responding
to the toast, "Stars on Women," drew all
most solely on the frailty of the sex, claim-
ing that the best among them were little
better than the worst, the chief difference
being in the surroundings.

At the conclusion of the speech a gentle-
man present said, "He felt, and said, that
"I trust the gentleman, in the applica-
tion of his remark, refers to his own
mother and sisters, and not to ours."

The effect of this most just and timely
rebuke was overwhelming, the malinger
of women was covered with confusion and
shame.

This incident serves an excellent purpose
in prefacing a few words which we
have for a long time had in our mind to
say.

Of all the evils prevalent among young
men, we know of none more blighting in
its moral effects than the tendency to
speak slightly of the virtue of women.
Nor is there anything in which young men
are so thoroughly mistaken as the low esti-
mate they form of the integrity of women.
Not of their own mothers and sisters,
thank God! but of others, who, they for-
get, are somebody else's mothers and sis-
ters.

As a rule, no person who surrenders to
this debasing habit is safe to be trusted
with any enterprise requiring integrity of
character.

Plain words should be spoken on this
point, for the evil is a general one, and
deep rooted. If young men are sometimes
thrown into the society of thoughtless or
low women, they have no more right to
measure all other women by what they
see of these than they would have to es-
timate the character of honest and re-
spectable citizens by the development of
crime in our police courts.

Let young men remember that their
chief happiness of life depends upon their
union with a woman. No worldly wisdom,
no misanthropic philosophy, no general-
ization, can cover or weaken this funda-
mental truth. It stands like the record of
God himself—for it is nothing less than
this—should put an everlasting seal
upon lips that are wont to speak slight-
ingly of women.

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DIED.
In Alexandria, Louisiana, Hon. JESSE A. BY-
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North Carolina, aged 73 years.

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